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### **For Immediate Release**

## **City of Santa Clara, Santa Clara University, Students Join Assemblyman Lloyd Levine in Saluting Energy Efficiency, Conservation**

SANTA CLARA, Calif. – March 22, 2007 – California Assemblyman Lloyd Levine (D, Van Nuys) saluted the City of Santa Clara and Santa Clara University (SCU) yesterday for their efforts in promoting energy efficiency and conservation. As Chair of the Assembly's Utilities and Commerce Committee, Levine has been instrumental in promoting energy savings and conservation through legislation, including a proposal that would outlaw incandescent bulbs in the state by 2012.

"California is leading the nation in our work in implementing 'green' policies at the state and local level, and I'd like to applaud the efforts of Silicon Valley Power and Santa Clara University in taking steps towards greater energy efficiency," says Assemblyman Levine. "Energy efficiency reduces the cost of energy, is environmentally friendly and increases reliability. Utilities, residential and business energy customers and policymakers all have a role to play in finding creative ways to keep California at the cutting edge of greenhouse gas reduction and energy efficiency efforts."

Levine joined City of Santa Clara Mayor Patricia M. Mahan; James M. Purcell, Vice President, University Relations, SCU; James Bickford, SCU student and Project Manager and Fundraising Coordinator, Solar Decathlon; and Justin Bradley, Director of Energy Programs, Silicon Valley Leadership Group for the celebration on the first day of spring.

Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the City of Santa Clara's municipal electric utility, has worked closely with Santa Clara University to complement the school's focus on energy

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efficiency by donating more than 1,000 compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) to the university's students. The bulbs save 60,750 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of energy annually, representing the equivalent of more than 60,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. In addition, SVP has donated more than 33,000 CFLs to its customers, saving as much as 12 million kWh and 6,000 tons of carbon dioxide.

Santa Clara University has shown its commitment to a clean environment with its purchase of 1,608 megawatt-hours (MWh) of 100 percent renewable energy through **Santa Clara Green Power**, SVP's wind and solar power program. This amount is equal to the annual output of half of a large wind turbine and prevents more than 1.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually.

"I'm very impressed by Santa Clara University's commitment to energy efficiency and green power. Their leadership sets an example for the residents and businesses of Silicon Valley," says Mary Medeiros McEnroe, SVP Key Customer Representative.

The City of Santa Clara and SVP recently challenged their community to 10 percent participation in **Santa Clara Green Power**, which boasts of high-profile members including Cisco Systems, Agilent Technologies, Applied Materials, Westfield Valley Fair and Yahoo! In addition, SVP has reached its goal of 30 percent eligible renewable electricity in its power mix—far ahead of California's goal of 20 percent by 2010.

SVP's many lighting and HVAC rebates have paid SCU more than \$215,000 and saved the university just under one million kilowatt-hours annually. Finally, SVP is a financial supporter of the SCU Solar Decathlon team. The Solar Decathlon is a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) program, in which a group of SCU undergraduate engineers will compete against other teams to build and operate an energy-efficient, solar-powered contemporary home. The team is taking the project an extra step by using sustainable building and design materials.

"We want to thank Silicon Valley Power for partnering with us in so many successful energy efficiency and conservation programs," says Purcell, "and we look forward to our continued relationship in promoting a green environment."

In December, SVP won a prestigious Green Power Leadership Award from the DOE, the EPA and the Center for Resource Solutions for significantly advancing the development of renewable electricity sources through green power markets.

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